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19. (Once Amended) The foam article according to claim 1, wherein said polymer foam comprises a matrix comprising a blend of two or more polymers wherein at least one of said polymers in said blend comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive polymer and at least one of said polymers is selected from the group consisting of unsaturated thermoplastic elastomers, acrylate monomer-insoluble saturated thermoplastic elastomers, and non-pressure sensitive adhesive thermoplastic polymers.

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31. (Once Amended) The foam article according to claim 23, wherein said polymer foam was made using polymers having a weight average molecular weight of at least about 10,000 g/mol.

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34. (Once Amended) The foam article according to claim 23, wherein said polymer foam was made using polymers having a shear viscosity, measured at a temperature of 175°C and a shear rate of 100 sec⁻¹, of at least about 30 Pascal-seconds (Pa-s).

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43. (Once Amended) A foam article comprising a polymer foam that includes:

- (a) a plurality of at least partially expanded expandable polymeric microspheres, and
- (b) a polymer matrix comprising a blend of two or more polymers sufficiently free of urethane crosslinks and urea crosslinks to eliminate the need for isocyanates in said polymer matrix, wherein at least one of said polymers in said blend comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive polymer and at least one of said polymers is selected from the group consisting of unsaturated thermoplastic elastomers, acrylate monomer-insoluble saturated thermoplastic elastomers, acrylate-insoluble semicrystalline polymers, acrylate-insoluble amorphous polymers having a solubility parameter of less than 8 or greater than 11, elastomers containing ultraviolet radiation-activatable groups, and pressure sensitive and hot melt adhesives prepared from non-photopolymerizable monomers.

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47. (New) The foam article according to claim 43, wherein the foam is capable of stretch activated release.

48. (New) The foam article according to claim 43, further comprising an adhesive layer attached to the polymer foam.

49. (New) The foam article according to claim 43, wherein said blend comprises the pressure sensitive adhesive and acrylate-insoluble semicrystalline polymers.

50. (New) The foam article according to claim 1, wherein said polymer foam comprises a matrix comprising a blend of two or more polymers wherein at least one of said polymers in said blend comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive polymer and at least one of said polymers is an acrylate-insoluble semicrystalline polymer.

Remarks

The Examiner restricted the invention under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to claims drawn to a foam article (claims 1-37 and 43-46) or claims drawn to a foam-in-place article (claims 38-42). Applicants confirm the election made by Harold Knecht III on July 12, 2002 of the claims drawn to a foam article. Claims 38-42 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 38-42 in a divisional application.

Claims 10, 11, 19, 31, 34, and 43 have been amended and new claims 47-50 have been added. The amendments are fully supported by the specification and add no new matter to the application.

Claims 33, 37, and 44-46 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuation application.

A marked-up version of the claims showing the changes made is filled with this Amendment and Response.